

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0025] with the following amended paragraph:

[0025] FIG. 3 is a left side view of the television control stick device 20. An infrared diode and lens cover 40 may be mounted on the top back of the control stick base 28 26. A trigger switch 36 is also mounted to the top back of the control stick grip, conveniently positioned for index finger use. A television key pad panel 42, mounting preferably in a recess on the left side of the base 26, contains switches found on most TV remote controls, such as buttons for individual digits 0 through 9 for channel selection, menu selection, timer input, picture quality controls, and the like. The circuitry, within the television control stick device, is well known in the television electronics industry and therefore not shown. The circuitry may be described as generally including a microprocessor 29 (shown in phantom in FIG. 2) having electrical circuitry 33 to assign user programmable functions to the control stick switches, provide a memory 31 for several user selectable television channels, accept and decode commands from the control stick switches and the television keypad panel, and to generate coded signals corresponding to user inputs, and driver circuitry to drive the infrared diode 40.

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[0026] In the preferred manner of using this invention, although somewhat intuitive, the control stick grip 28 is grasped with fingers curled around the device and thumb poised to operate the various thumb switches. The device is directed naturally towards the television by the operator positioning to view the television 22, so that the infrared diode 40 can transmit control signals to the television. The control stick switches are preprogrammed, although a user may elect to reprogram the function of the control stick switches to accommodate individual needs. Preferably, power to the television is controlled by thumb switch 30 and volume is muted by thumb switch 32. The four position thumb switch 24 increases volume when pushed upward, decreases volume when pushed downward, increases channel selection when pushed to the right, and decreases channel selection when pushed to the left. Thumb switch 34 adds the channel selection being viewed to the quick access memory and little finger switch 38 deletes the channel selection being viewed from the quick access memory. The index finger trigger switch 36 will sequentially change the channel selection being viewed to the next channel selection in the quick access memory. Other television control functions and the reprogramming of the control stick switch functions is controlled by user inputs through the television keypad panel 42.